

# FRPC Parish Council for The Farnhams

## Information for the Parish Council Meeting on 27 April 2021

### 3 Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere on the agenda - for information only)

#### 3.1 Update on 2021 Elections

Buckinghamshire Council have confirmed that the elections for Farnham Royal North and Farnham Royal South are uncontested. The new term of the Parish Council will start on 10 May 2021 and the councillors will be Bob Milne, Jenny Quilter, Clive Robinson, Marilyn Rolfe, Paul Rowley and Richard Thomas. John Hodges, Roger Home and Judy Tipping are standing down. The Parish Council will then have five vacancies; one in Farnham Royal North and four in Farnham Royal South and would welcome applications from residents to join the council.

#### 3.2 Update on parish projects

The next meeting is schedule for 12 May 2021 and all councillors are reminded that they are welcome to attend.

### 4 To consider a timetable for returning to face to face meetings and reopening the office

As previously discussed, the provision for holding remote meetings currently ends on 7 May 2021 and the County Officer has confirmed that despite Covid19 we are required to hold the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council within 21 days of the election so by 27 May 2021. Currently there is no alternative but to hold a physical meeting.

The County Officer is recommending a meeting outside (an open sided gazebo/marquee would satisfy this) with social distancing of either 1m with masks or 2m without masks. If the gazebo/marquee is on premises licensed to sell alcohol then the Parish Council would need the sale of alcohol to stop during the meeting.

The County Officer is recommending a short 30 minute meeting with the sole purpose of appointing the Chairman. All other business usually conducted at this meeting (appointment of vice chair, working groups, outside roles etc.) could be conducted at the June meeting when it is expected that restriction will have been lifted further. For practical reasons, the meeting would need to consider the minutes of the previous meetings and the cashbook as well.

It should be noted that there was a court hearing on 21 April which may decide that the existing provision allowing us to meet remotely remains in place and a decision is expected at the end of April 2021.

With regard to reopening the office, the Government has stated that working from home should continue until the review of social distancing and other long-term measures that have been put in place to cut transmission has been completed, which should be 21 June 2021.

### 5 To receive initial report on the Burnham Beeches Parking Review

Mrs. Quilter attended a virtual meeting with Buckinghamshire Council and other interested parties regarding the Burnham Beeches Parking Review and will provide an initial report during the meeting.

### 6 Finance:

#### 6.1 To review the 2020/21 Annual Management Accounts

The annual management accounts and accompanying notes have been circulated to councillors separately.

#### 6.2 To consider Farnham Common Sports Club's grant request

A copy of the email request for a contribution towards the cost of the surveys has been circulated to councillors separately.

6.3 To consider The Rotary Club Burnham Beeches' grant request

A copy of the email request for a contribution towards the cost of the open day at the Community Orchard has been circulated to councillors separately.

6.4 To approve payments and note receipts, as per the cashbook

The cashbook has been reviewed and approved by the Chairman of the Finance Committee and has been circulated to councillors.

7 **Planning:**

8.1 To ratify comments submitted on recent applications

The schedule of comments submitted to the planning authority has been circulated to councillors.

8.2 To note recent planning decisions

The schedule of planning authority decisions has been circulated to councillors.